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Applicant: John Almeida

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This is a preliminary amendment

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

This a request for amending the application, drawings and claims before the first office action, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims as follows:

Would you please, kindly strike claims 59-102 then add claims 103-159.